

# Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: October 6, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 7, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting row crops and hay. Cooler temperatures have slowed defoliation of later planted cotton. Cattlemen are busy planting winter grasses. Soil moisture is 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	94	88	97	81	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton	Open Bolls	99	96	100	96	1	7	30	54	8
	Harvested	49	29	59	35	---	---	---	---	---
Rice	Mature	96	93	100	---	---	---	48	52	---
	Harvested	87	78	96	75	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum	Harvested	91	88	97	88	---	11	25	62	2
	Silage Harvested	94	92	99	96	---	---	---	---	---
Soybeans	Turning Color	93	89	93	86	1	5	29	59	6
	Shedding Leaves	72	68	81	64	---	---	---	---	---
	Harvested	31	29	45	24	---	---	---	---	---
Wheat	Planted	15	4	13	13	---	---	---	---	---
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	100	99	100	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peanuts	Harvested	75	51	77	82	---	---	4	59	37
Pecans	Harvested	2	---	1	2	3	14	20	58	5
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	65	45	69	65	2	12	24	45	17
Cattle						1	3	25	61	10
Pasture						1	6	31	53	9

## County Agent Comments

"Although we have not had any rain this week, harvesting of soybeans has been very light because we have not had any sunshine. Cotton harvest continues, but it has also been slowed. Some wheat has been planted."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"A large amount of hay was damaged by rain and poor drying conditions. Pastures and soybeans have improved from the recent rains. Fall-planted crops are emerging very well."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Corn harvest was delayed in some fields because of humid, cloudy weather. Clearing is expected to aid drying conditions for completion of corn harvest next week."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"Winter grazing is being planted at a record pace due to recent rain and cool weather. Beef producers are looking for ways to cut their winter feeding costs."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

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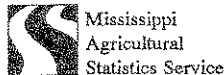
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**Weather Summary From September 30, 1996 to October 6, 1996 For Mississippi**

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	78	47	65	67	-2	0.00	-0.52	0	1.61	75	62	69	0.11
Cleveland	79	47	66			0.00		0	3.26				
Tunica	81	45	63	66	-3	0.05	-0.42	1	4.94	78	67	72	
Extreme/Average	81	45	65	67	-2	0.02	-0.48	0	3.27	78	62	71	0.11
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs													
Memphis	79	49	66	67	-1	0.00	-0.58	0	5.66				
Oxford	81	46	65	64	+1	0.01	-0.95	1	6.49				
Extreme/Average	81	46	66	66	-0	0.01	-0.76	1	6.03				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	75	47	63	65	-2	0.01	-0.72	1	5.10				
Corinth	81	48	66	65	+1	0.00	-0.67	0	3.89				
Iuka	74	40	61			0.00		0	3.08				
Pontotoc	78	50	65	65	-1	0.02	-0.75	1	5.33	78	62	70	0.11
Tupelo	78	49	66	66	-0	0.02	-0.70	1	5.17				
Verona	79	48	65			0.02		2	4.70	75	60	69	0.11
Extreme/Average	81	40	64	65	-1	0.01	-0.69	1	4.55	78	60	70	0.11
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	82	49	69	68	+1	0.00	-0.54	0	3.51	84	65	76	
Greenwood	83	50	70	68	+2	0.00	-0.76	0	1.89				
Rolling Fork	80	41	67			0.00	-0.52	0	5.04	83	63	77	0.21
Steneville													
Yazoo City	82	48	71	69	+2	0.00	-0.59	0	2.10				
Extreme/Average	83	41	69	68	+1	0.00	-0.60	0	3.14	84	63	76	0.21
5. Central													
Carthage	80	45	68	68	+1	0.00	-0.63	0	2.08				
Jackson	83	48	69	69	-0	0.00	-0.84	0	1.49				
Winona													
Extreme/Average	83	45	69	68	+0	0.00	-0.74	0	1.79				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville									2.19				
Columbus	79	50	66			0.00		0	2.59				
State University	78	50	68	67	+1	0.04	-0.83	2	2.57	76	61	70	
Extreme/Average	79	50	67	67	-0	0.02	-0.85	1	2.58	76	61	70	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	84	50	69			0.00		0	4.40	81	69	76	
Natchez	82	48	69	72	-2	0.00	-0.58	0	6.23				
Oakley	83	41	67			0.00	-0.61	0	2.99	82	57	72	
Vicksburg	80	47	68			0.00		0	1.98				
Extreme/Average	84	41	69	72	-3	0.00	-0.60	0	3.90	82	57	74	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	82	50	71	70	+1	0.03	-0.80	1	2.54				
McComb	82	53	70	69	+0	0.00	-1.10	0	0.81				
Extreme/Average	82	50	70	70	+1	0.02	-0.95	1	1.68				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	85	48	69			0.00		0	0.84	88	65	75	
Hattiesburg	84	54	70	70	-0	0.20	-0.76	1	5.97				
Laurel													
Meridian	82	50	68	68	-0	0.00	-0.76	0	2.69				
Newton	81	45	67	67	-0	0.00	-0.78	0	4.42	78	58	68	0.09
Extreme/Average	85	45	68	68	+0	0.05	-0.78	0	3.48	88	58	72	0.09
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	84	56	71			0.86		2	3.99				
Biloxi	84	59	72			0.44		3	4.54				
Gulfport	85	59	73	73	+0	0.77	-0.10	2	1.86				
Pascagoula													
Poplarville													
Extreme/Average	85	56	72	73	-1	0.69	-0.18	2	3.46				
State	85	40	68	68	-1	0.08	-0.67	1	3.39	88	67	72	0.12

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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